

Coin Board News

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Internet offerings of coin boards remain very scarce, after having been fairly plentiful a year or two ago. Is it because there are simply no more available, or are people just holding onto what they have? Perhaps it's only symptomatic of the generally slow economy, as I've noticed reduced listings of coin albums and folders, too. From time to time I place some boards on sale at eBay, knowing that they will likely bring disappointing results, but I do this to introduce more potential enthusiasts to this fun area of collecting and to build up my mailing list. It's my small attempt at missionary work.

On a more upbeat note, there have been several new discoveries over the past couple of months. I made an excellent purchase of boards during a recent trip to California that not only provided some nice quality duplicates for the current price list but also revealed two new varieties not previously known to me. The most significant find was a dramatically distinctive variety of the Lincoln Printing Company coin board for Early Nickels. This board is identical in to L5¢Ad, but it is printed on unmarbled paper, the only such board I've seen in the entire Lincoln line. I suspect that this was due to wartime paper shortages, much as Oberwise varied his standard color scheme during that period. I've labeled this variety L5¢Ae, as it almost certainly came after L5¢Ad.

Sharp-eyed board collector Chris Buck has found two new varieties. The first relates to the Lincoln brand board for Buffalo Nickels and is transitional mule between the known varieties L5¢Bc and L5¢Bd. Therefore, I've revised the existing entry L5¢Bc to L5¢Bc.1 and have added his discovery piece as L5¢Bc.2. This is similar to L5¢Bc.1, with the same face printing, but its back is closer to that of L5¢Bd, with the muddled sequence of board titles. Its back is also transitional, giving a date span of "from 1913 to 1937 inclusive" as seen on the 'a' through 'c' varieties, while L5¢Bd reads "from 1913 to 1938 inclusive" on its back, something I neglected to mention in my book. Chris also pointed out that my description of "dissimilar size" numerals in the face subtitle of L5Aa.1 and L5Aa.2 should also have noted that these numerals are sans-serif, while the later subtitles of evenly sized numerals are serif style. Another omission is that the word "Nickel" should be capitalized as it appears on the back of each Buffalo Nickel board where Fraser is credited as the designer.

A second discovery from Chris is the 'a' backing paper on the Oberwise board for Early Nickels. This may now be added to your books as O5¢Aa. In an unusual twist, it has tan cardstock, something not seen previously before variety O5¢Ae. I made a couple Oberwise discoveries of my own in a recent purchase. O10¢At is confirmed for the Liberty Head Dime board, as is a new Mercury Dime variety that defies easy labeling. It is transitional between O10¢Bn and O10¢Bo, so I've revised the latter to read O10¢Bo.1. The new variety, O10¢Bo.2 has the "9 months of 1939" mintage figures of O10¢Bn, but its back combines features of two back paper varieties. The address reads 1317, as is normal for 'o' backs, but the omitted second 9 from the copyright date 193 is herein present, which is not usual for this back. While these are minor varieties of interest only to the most dedicated specialist, they reinforce the truth that possibilities for discovering new Oberwise variants are nearly endless.

My recent purchase of coin boards was rich in better-quality Lincoln Printing Company titles, so this would be a good time to think about adding a piece or two this often neglected series. Though not rare in an absolute sense, I've found that Lincoln brand boards are seldom found in grades above Fine. Nice examples are thus few and far between.

Postal rates are going up shortly, but I'll honor the current prices shown on page 3 through May.

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BUFFALO NICKLES

From 1913 to 1937

1913-S KARMS MINT BOTH KINGS-5 MILLION	1913 KARMS MINT BOTH KINGS-5 MILLION	1913-S KARMS MINT BOTH KINGS-5 MILLION	1913-S KARMS MINT BOTH KINGS-5 MILLION	1913-D KARMS MINT BOTH KINGS-5 MILLION	1913-S KARMS MINT BOTH KINGS-5 MILLION	1913-D KARMS MINT BOTH KINGS-5 MILLION	1913-S KARMS MINT BOTH KINGS-5 MILLION
1914-D 8 MILLION	1915 21 MILLION	1915-S 1 MILLION	1915-D 7 MILLION	1916 41 MILLION	1916-S 12 MILLION	1916-D 13 MILLION	1916-S 23 MILLION
1917-S 8 MILLION	1917-D 10 MILLION	1918 21 MILLION	1918-S 5 MILLION	1918-D 8 MILLION	1918-S 41 MILLION	1918-D 9 MILLION	1918-S 8 MILLION
1920 18 MILLION	1920-S 4 MILLION	1920-D 9 MILLION	1921 10 MILLION	1921-S 1 MILLION	1921-D 14 MILLION	1921-S 6 MILLION	1921-S 21 MILLION
1922-S 4 MILLION	1922-D 2 MILLION	1923 21 MILLION	1923-S 6 MILLION	1923-D 41 MILLION	1924 5 MILLION	1924-S 5 MILLION	1924-S 5 MILLION
1927 28 MILLION	1927-S 2 MILLION	1927-D 6 MILLION	1928 23 MILLION	1928-S 7 MILLION	1928-D 4 MILLION	1928-S 14 MILLION	1928-S 4 MILLION
1929-D 8 MILLION	1929 21 MILLION	1929-S 3 MILLION	1929-S 1 MILLION	1929 28 MILLION	1929-S 7 MILLION	1929-S 18 MILLION	1929-S 18 MILLION
1932-D 12 MILLION	1932 19 MILLION	1932-S 19 MILLION	1932-D 41 MILLION	1937 79 MILLION	1937-S 2 MILLION	1937-D 12 MILLION	

MERCURY HEAD DIME PREMIUM CARD

1916 22,180,080		1916-D 264,000		1916-S 10,450,000				
1917 55,230,000	1917-D 9,402,000	1917-S 27,330,000	1918 26,680,000	1918-D 22,674,800	1918-S 19,300,000	1919 35,740,000		
1919-D 9,939,000	1919-S 8,850,000	1920 59,030,000	1920-D 19,171,000	1920-S 13,820,000	1921 1,210,000	1921-D 1,080,000		
1923 50,130,000	1923-S 6,440,000	1924 24,010,000	1924-D 6,810,000	1924-S 7,120,000	1925 25,610,000	1925-D 5,117,000		
1925-S 5,850,000	1926 32,160,000	1926-D 6,828,000	1926-S 1,520,000	1927 28,080,000	1927-D 4,812,000	1927-S 4,770,000		
1928 19,480,000	1928-D 4,161,000	1928-S 7,400,000	1929 25,970,000	1929-D 5,034,000	1929-S 4,730,000	1930 6,770,000		
1930-S 1,843,000	1931 3,150,000	1931-D 1,260,000	1931-S 1,800,000	1934 24,080,000	1934-D 6,772,000	1935 58,830,000		
1935-D 10,477,000	1935-S 15,840,000	1936 87,504,130	1936-D 16,132,000	1936-S 9,210,000	1937 56,865,756	1937-D 14,146,000	1937-S 9,740,000	1938 13,474,627
1938-D 5,537,000	1938-S 7,600,000	1939 46,545,920	1939-D 11,319,000	1939-S 4,800,000	1940	1940-D	1940-S	

Premium Card No. 106

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